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TULSA MAN FIFTH, FINAL TO BE SENTENCED IN COCAINE, MARIJUANA CASE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Tulsa, Okla., man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana.

Tyler Glen Brown, 24, of Tulsa, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to six years and 11 months in federal prison without parole.

On April 29, 2005, **Brown** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and marijuana between November 2002 and Nov. 23, 2003, in Boone County, Mo. **Brown** also pleaded guilty to possessing with intent to distribute cocaine on Nov. 23, 2003, and to illegally possessing a loaded Rohm .22-caliber revolver, a loaded Charles Daly .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol and a loaded Springfield Armory .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol during and in relation to the cocaine conspiracy on Nov. 23, 2003, in Boone County.

The court also ordered **Brown** to forfeit to the government any proceeds derived as a result of the conspiracy, including \$7,250 seized from him on Nov. 23, 2003.

Brown is the fifth co-defendant to be sentenced in this case.

On July 14, 2005, **Joseph Blair Nardi**, 23, **Jonathan Eric Whitworth**, 20, and **Robertson Blake Alexander**, 20, all of Columbia, Mo., and **David Scott Steinbruegge**, 23, of St. Peters, Mo., were sentenced for their role in the conspiracy. **Nardi** was sentenced to one year and one month in federal prison without parole. **Whitworth** was sentenced to one year and three months in federal prison without parole. **Alexander** was sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison without parole. **Steinbruegge** was sentenced to nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 16, 2005, **Nardi, Whitworth, Alexander** and **Steinbruegge** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana from November 2002 to Nov. 23, 2003, in Boone County.

Additionally, co-defendant **Ricki Gomez**, 38, of Carthage, also pleaded guilty on Sept. 1, 2005, to possession with intent to distribute in excess of 50 grams of methamphetamine. Gomez also agreed to forfeit \$9,559 that was seized from her on June 6, 2004.

The co-defendants admitted that **Nardi** traveled from Columbia to **Steinbruegge's** residence in St. Peters on Nov. 21, 2003, after arranging a cocaine delivery. **Steinbruegge** expected to receive one ounce of cocaine as payment for facilitating the sale of three ounces of cocaine for \$3,000 between **Nardi** and another person, Graves said. At the time **Nardi** arrived, he and **Steinbruegge** were arrested by law enforcement officers who found 194.7 grams of cocaine, 215.4 grams of marijuana and a loaded semi-automatic handgun in **Nardi's** Jeep Cherokee.

Brown was arrested on Nov. 23, 2003, after law enforcement officers stopped him driving a Ford Expedition bearing Oklahoma plates. Upon searching the vehicle, law enforcement officers recovered marijuana and the firearms. **Brown** admitted that the firearms belonged to him and that he was staying at the Baymont Inn. Upon searching the hotel room, law enforcement officers recovered more than 75 grams of cocaine and \$7,250.

Whitworth was arrested on Nov. 23, 2003, when he attempted to purchase cocaine from a co-defendant in a controlled buy at a Columbia motel. **Whitworth** admitted that he had also purchased cocaine from **Alexander**, who was arrested at his apartment later the same day. Law enforcement officers found two plastic bags containing .29 grams and 53.98 grams of cocaine in **Alexander's** apartment.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the St. Charles County, Mo., Regional Drug Task Force, the St. Peters, Mo., Police Department; the Columbia, Mo., Police Department; the Drug Enforcement Administration; and MUSTANG (the Mid-Missouri Unified Strike Team And Narcotics Group).

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